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## REISSUE DECLARATION

I, Rudolf Bichsel, a Swiss citizen, residing at Gyrisbergstrasse 124, CH-3400 Burgdorf, Switzerland, hereby declare that I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 6,286,417 (the '417 patent) entitled DRUM COOKER, which issued September 11, 2001, from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,478, filed September 8, 2000.

I believe that the '417 patent is partially inoperative by virtue of not properly perfecting the claim to foreign priority of our German patent application, Serial No. 198 10 240.2, filed March 10, 1998.

I hereby declare that all errors sought to be corrected in the present reissue application arose to the best of my knowledge without any deceptive intent on my part. I hereby claim the foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) of German application, No. 198 10 240.2, filed March 10, 1998. I hereby claim the domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of International patent application No. PCT/EP99/00796, filed February 6, 1999, and designating the United States, and insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in the application to which priority is claimed, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the application to which priority is claimed and the effective filing date of this application.

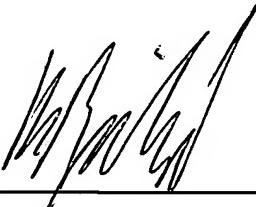
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification, including the claims as amended by any amendments specifically referred to in this declaration and I believe myself to be the original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought. I also acknowledge my duty to

disclose to the U.S. Patent Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint Christopher M. Brock, Reg. No. 27313, of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I request the Patent and Trademark Office to direct all correspondence and telephone calls relative to this application to, Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P. O. Box 828 Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303 (248) 641-1600.

Signature :   

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Typed name: Rudolf Bichsel  

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